STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS



DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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July 11, 2019

Emma Best MuckRock News DEPT MR 76746 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

RE: July 8, 2019 APRA Request

VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Best,

Your Access to Public Records Act ("APRA") request dated July 8, 2019 and received by the Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") on July 8, 2019 (copy enclosed) has been referred to me for response. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-3 (e) and 38-2-7 (a), the DMV is responding to your APRA request within ten (10) business days of receipt. Per your instructions, this response is being provided to you electronically via email at 76746-34987058@requests.muckrock.com.

I consulted with the appropriate DMV personnel in preparing a response to your request. After conducting a thorough search of DMV records, it has been determined that there are no documents responsive to your request for "[c]opies of any Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs), Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), memoranda of agreement or other liaison, information sharing or prisoner/detainee transfer agreements or delegations of authority with or involving Immigration and Customs Enforcement signed or otherwise put into effect between March 1, 2003 and the present."

Please be advised that R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8 provides, inter alia, that a person or entity denied the right to inspect a record of a public body may petition the chief administrative officer of that public body (for DMV: Mark A. Furcolo, Director, Department of Revenue) for a review of the determinations made by his or her subordinate, may file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, or institute proceedings for injunctive or declaratory relief in the Superior Court of the county where the record(s) are maintained.

Sincerely.

Bradford S. Booth, Esq.

Chief of Legal Services

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

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I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the Internet Archive and MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Emma Best

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E-mail (Preferred): 76746-34987058@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note): MuckRock News DEPT MR 76746 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.